

# BENTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

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## MINUTES OF THE BENTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

July 23, 2013

Commission members present: John Brown, Jr., Russell Anzalone and Robbyn Tumey

Others present: Kim Dennison, Sharon Rose, and Tiffany Underwood

Media: Tom Sissom, Benton County Daily Record

Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 2:00 P.M. and welcomed everyone.

### **New Business:**

- A. Review and Approval of the Ivotronic Ballots for the Annual School Election to be held September 17, 2013: Chairman Brown asked for comments. Kim Dennison reported that she had sent the Ivotronic Ballot proofs to the school superintendents and they have approved their proofs. Commissioner Tumey asked Deputy County Clerk Tiffany Underwood to read the proposed millage question from the Ivotronic ballot to verify that the wording and spelling is correct. Commissioner Tumey asked Kim how the ERM recognizes a write-in candidate. Kim stated that when a write-in candidate is selected by using the Ivotronic, a keypad is used to input the candidate's name and to process the write-in candidates in the ERM, a different report is required. Chairman Brown asked Commissioners Anzalone and Tumey if they had any further comments. There being none, Chairman Brown made a motion to approve the Ivotronic ballot proofs for the Annual School Election to be held September 17, 2013, seconded by Commissioner Anzalone. Motion carried by voice vote.
- B. Order Approving L&A Testing for the Springdale Special Election to be held August 13, 2013: Chairman Brown made a motion to approve the Certification of Logic & Accuracy Testing Results for the Springdale Special Election to be held August 13, 2013, motion duly seconded and carried by voice vote.

**Old Business:**

Kim reported that she had emailed Craig Seibert, ES&S Regional Sales Manager, regarding Programming Your Own (PYO) and the DS850's for the 2014 budget. Kim stated that the response from Mr. Seibert states that two (2) DS850's would cost approximately \$223,000 and that as of the current date the DS850's have not been certified in the State of Arkansas. Kim stated that she asked if a date was in sight and that Mr. Siebert replied that he was hoping for sometime this fall. Kim reported that the DS850's work off of a different Unity program than the Ivotronics and if the Programming Your Own (PYO) is used there is a process in the ERM to make the program work with the software to count ballots. Commissioner Tumey stated that the commission would be looking at two (2) software programs to communicate. Kim stated that if the commission wanted to do coding, Mr. Siebert stated that there is a bridge that would connect the two (2) software programs. Kim stated that Mr. Siebert recommended a five (5) day training class at \$1,575/day and there would be an annual license fee for the Unity software costing approximately \$15,000 which would start one (1) year after the first use. Kim stated there would also be additional fees for shipping, handling, and set-up. Chairman Brown stated additional discussion would be needed on these two matters.

Chairman Brown stated that he and Commissioners Anzalone and Tumey would need to meet to discuss the 2014 budget and the commissioners agreed to meet after September 6, 2013.

**Public Comments:**

None

**Announcements:**

None

**Adjournment:**

Chairman Brown made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Anzalone. The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Russell J. Anzalone, Secretary  
Prepared by Sharon Rose  
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